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TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is for an original application.

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

***DRAIN PAN AND FILTERING SYSTEM FOR A LIQUID
CONTAINING DRUM***

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification is attached hereto.

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